

County of Santa Clara

Registrar of Voters

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VOTING UNDERWAY FOR MAY 3RD SPECIAL MAIL BALLOT ELECTION

The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters has mailed out ballots to over 147,000 voters for the May 3rd Special Mail Ballot Election. The election is being conducted by mail ballot only and includes the Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District, Sunnyvale School District, Cupertino Union School District and Los Altos School District. It is not a countywide election. Only voters who live in these school districts are eligible to vote.

The ballot packets contain other key voting information, such as:

- Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlet
- Yellow Mail Ballot Return Envelope (postage paid)

Register to Vote

Monday, April 18th is the deadline to register and still be eligible to vote in the May 3rd election.

Mailed registration forms that are postmarked by April 18th will be accepted. Voters can also return their registration forms in person at the Registrar's Office, 1555 Berger Drive, Building 2, San Jose. For voters' convenience, there is a white 24-hour drop box located by the flag pole outside the Registrar's Office.

Voters need to re-register only when they move, change their name, or would like to change their political party affiliation. Voters can check if they are registered to vote online at www.sccvote.org or by calling toll-free (866) 430-VOTE [8683] 24-hours a day.

Voter registration forms can be found at post offices, public libraries, fire stations, city halls and most local government offices. Registration forms are also available online at www.sccvote.org and at the Registrar's Office.

Completing Vote by Mail Ballots

Santa Clara County uses paper optical scan ballots to conduct voting by mail. Voters mark their ballots by completing the arrow next to their selection with a single, unbroken line. Voters can only use blue or black ink on their ballot and should not use other colors or felt pens. Voters should also be careful not to make any stray or extraneous marks on their ballot, including their name or initials.

Voters are encouraged to read all instructions before marking the ballot. If a voter makes a mistake or needs a replacement, they are available from the Registrar's Office.

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Returning your Vote by Mail Ballots

Voters must sign the mail ballot return envelope for their votes to be counted. Signatures are used to verify the voter’s identity and protect against voting fraud.

All completed ballots must be received by the Registrar of Voters no later than 8 p.m. on Election Day, May 3rd (postmarks are not accepted).

Ballots can be returned by mail. Postage is not necessary because this is an all mail ballot election. Voters are encouraged to allow enough time for their ballot to arrive before the deadline.

Ballots may also be dropped off at the Registrar of Voters’ Office during Early Voting or at the 24-hour white drop box located outside the office near the flagpole or at any of the following drop-off locations.

Vote by Mail Drop-Off Locations

Open Monday through Friday during normal business hours & on **Election Day until 8 PM** (in City Hall parking lots from 5 pm to 8 pm).

Santa Clara County Government Center – 1 st Floor 70 W. Hedding Street San Jose, CA 95112	Los Gatos Town Hall 110 E. Main Street Los Gatos, CA 95030
Cupertino City Hall 10300 Torre Avenue Cupertino, CA 95014	Monte Sereno City Hall 18041 Saratoga/Los Gatos Road Monte Sereno, CA 95030
Los Altos City Hall 1 N. San Antonio Road Los Altos, CA 94022	Saratoga City Hall 13777 Fruitvale Avenue Saratoga, CA 95070
Los Altos Hills Town Hall 26379 Fremont Road Los Altos Hills, CA 94022	Sunnyvale City Hall – City Finance Office 650 W. Olive Avenue Sunnyvale, CA 94086
*Election Day only (7 AM to 8 PM) Loma Prieta/CT English School 23800 Summit Road, Los Gatos, CA 95033	*Election Day only (7 AM to 8 PM) Presbyterian Church of Los Gatos 16575 Shannon Road, Los Gatos, CA 95032
*Election Day only (7 AM to 8 PM) Saratoga Federated Church 20390 Park Place, Saratoga, CA 95070	

Early Voting

Early Voting is available Monday – Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Registrar’s Office between now and up to the day before the election and from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day. Accessible touch screen voting is also available at the Registrar’s Office during Early Voting.

For more information, contact the Registrar of Voters’ Office at:

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| Toll Free: | (866) 430-VOTE [8683] | Spanish: | (408) 282-3095 |
| English: | (408) 299-VOTE [8683] | Vietnamese: | (408) 282-3097 |
| TTY: | (408) 288-9820 | Chinese: | (408) 282-3086 |
| Online: | www.sccvote.org | Tagalog: | (408) 535-3916 |